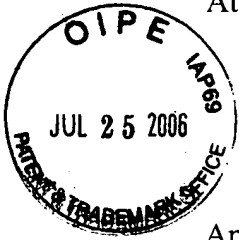


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the present Request for Continued Examination to continue prosecution of the above-identified patent application, and hereby files the present amendment responsive to the final Office Action dated January 23, 2006. In response to that Office Action, please kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document in a listing of claims which replaces all prior versions of the claims.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this document.